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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room TWB-204 Washington, DC 20554

Re.

Application by Owest Communications International, Inc. for Authorization to Provide In-Region InterLATA Services in the States of Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Nebraska and North Dakota, Docket No. 02-148

Application by Owest Communications International, Inc. for Authorization to Provide In-Region InterLATA Services in the States of Montana, Utah, Washington and Wyoming, Docket No. 02-189

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Tuesday, August 27, 2002, David Lawson of Sidley Austin Brown & Wood, Robert Quinn and the undersigned, both of AT&T, met with Matthew Brill and Jason Scism of Commissioner Abernathy's staff to discuss the above-referenced proceedings. In short, we urged the Commission to reject the pending Qwest applications for failure to comply with the requirements of the Section 271 checklist as well as on public interest grounds.

AT&T explained that Qwest's August 20 proposal to file some of the secret Interconnection Agreements in its region does not cure the discrimination issues raised by Qwest's secret deals, nor does Qwest's proposal remove the qualification that KPMG has affirmatively made on its third party OSS test results because of the potential that those results were tainted by preferential treatment given to CLEC secret deal recipients. In addition, we reiterated the fact that serious deficiencies remain with respect to Qwest's operational support systems and pricing of unbundled network elements that individually require the Commission to find that the checklist has not been met and that the public interest would not be served by granting the Qwest's pending applications.

The positions expressed by AT&T were consistent with those contained in the comments and ex parte filings previously made in the aforementioned dockets. One electronic copy this Notice is being submitted in each of the above-referenced proceedings in accordance with the Commission's rules.

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